

ROBERT C. BYRD HONORS SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

2008 STUDENT APPLICATION

APPLICATION DEADLINE--MAY 1, 2008

I. STUDENT INFORMATION

NAME (LAST) (FIRST) (MIDDLE)

HOME ADDRESS (CITY) (STATE) (ZIP +4)

(TELEPHONE) (CELL PHONE) (EMAIL ADDRESS)

I will graduate from _____ High School, which is in _____ County.

College I plan to attend during 2008-2009 School Year: _____

(COLLEGE FINANCIAL AID OFFICE ADDRESS) (CITY) (STATE) (ZIP +4) (TELEPHONE)

II. HIGH SCHOOL VERIFICATION

I hereby certify that _____ has met the following eligibility requirements:

1. Is a South Dakota resident, a senior at _____ High School, and will qualify to graduate at commencement exercises being held _____, 2008;
2. Has an unweighted grade point average of _____; and,
3. Has an ACT score of _____.

Signature of high school counselor

Date



Certification of Eligibility for Federal Assistance in Certain Programs

I understand that 34 CFR 75.60, 75.61, and 75.62 require that I make specific certifications of eligibility to the U.S. Department of Education (ED) as a condition of applying for Federal funds in certain programs and that these requirements are in addition to any other eligibility requirements that ED imposes under program regulations. Under 34 CFR 75.60 – 75.62:

I. I certify that:

A. I do not owe a debt, or I am current in repaying a debt, or I am not in default (as that term is used at 34 CFR Part 668) on a debt:

1. To the Federal Government under a nonprocurement transaction (e.g., a previous loan, scholarship, grant, or cooperative agreement); or
2. For a fellowship, scholarship, stipend, discretionary grant, or loan in any program of ED that is subject to 34 CFR 75.60, 75.61, and 75.62, including:
 - Federal Pell Grant Program (20 U.S.C. 1070a, et seq.);
 - Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant (SEOG) Program (20 U.S.C. 1070(b), et seq.);
 - State Student Incentive Grant Program (SSIG) 20 U.S.C. 1070c, et seq.);
 - Federal Perkins Loan Program (20 U.S.C. 1087aa, et seq.);
 - Income Contingent Direct Loan Demonstration Project (20 U.S.C. 1087a, note);
 - Federal Stafford Loan Program, Federal Supplemental Loans for Students [SLS], Federal PLUS, or Federal Consolidation Loan Program (20 U.S.C. 1071, et seq.);
 - William D. Ford Federal Direct Loan Program (20 U.S.C. 1087a, et seq.);
 - Cuban Student Loan Program (20 U.S.C. 2601, et seq.);
 - Robert C. Byrd Honors Scholarship Program (20 U.S.C. 1070d-31, et seq.);
 - Jacob K. Javits Fellows Program (20 U.S.C. 1134h-1134l);
 - Patricia Roberts Harris Fellowship Program (20 U.S.C. 1134d-1134g);
 - Christa McAuliffe Fellowship Program (20 U.S.C. 1105-1105i);
 - Bilingual Education Fellowship Program (20 U.S.C. 3221-3262);
 - Rehabilitation Long-Term Training Program (29 U.S.C. 774(b));
 - Paul Douglas Teacher Scholarship Program (20 U.S.C. 1104, et seq.);
 - Law Enforcement Education Program (42 U.S.C. 3775);
 - Indian Fellowship Program (29 U.S.C. 774(b));
 - Teacher Quality Enhancement Grants Program (20 U.S.C. 1021, et seq.);

OR

B. I have made arrangements satisfactory to ED to repay a debt as described in A.1. or A.2. (above) on which I had not been current in repaying or on which I was in default (as that term is used in 34 CFR Part 668).

II. I certify also that I have not been declared by a judge, as a condition of sentencing under section 5301 of the Anti-Drug Abuse Act of 1988 (21 U.S.C. 862), ineligible to receive Federal assistance for the period of this requested funding.

I understand that providing a false certification to any of the statements above makes me liable for repayment to ED for funds received on the basis of this certification, for civil penalties, and for criminal prosecution under 18 U.S.C. 1001.

(Typed or Printed Name)

(Signature)

(Date)

Name or number of ED program under which this certification is being made: Robert Byrd Scholarship
ED 80-0016 (Revised 2/01)

III. STUDENT AFFIDAVIT AND CONSENT TO RELEASE INFORMATION

I hereby certify that:

1. I am a United States citizen, or national, or permanent resident;
2. I am aware of and agree to meet my responsibilities and obligations under the federal and state laws and regulations governing this program;
3. I authorize the Secretary of the Department of Education, or his designee, access to any of my school records for the purpose of inspecting the validity and appropriateness of my application; and,
4. I am aware that I will be notified only if I am awarded a 2008 Robert Byrd Honors Scholarship.

Date

Student's signature

NECESSARY ATTACHMENTS

1. Applicant must show proof of application or admittance for enrollment at an eligible institution of higher education. A copy of the applicant's college application or acceptance letter must be attached.
2. An official high school transcript must be attached that includes the applicant's American College Test (ACT) score.

SUBMIT PAGES 1, 2, AND 3 OF THIS APPLICATION TO:

**DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
OFFICE OF FINANCE & MANAGEMENT
700 GOVERNORS DRIVE
PIERRE, SD 57501-2291**

ELIGIBILITY TERMS AND CONDITIONS

- I. **STUDENT ELIGIBILITY:** An applicant must be a South Dakota resident and a senior at an accredited public or private secondary school, must be qualified to graduate or receive a GED certificate, and must have applied or been accepted for enrollment as a full-time student at an eligible in-state or out-of-state institution of higher education.

Applicants must meet the following requirements:

- (1) Have a grade point average of at least 3.5 on an unweighted 4.0 scale, or the equivalent on a weighted scale, through the end of the term most recently completed; and
- (2) Have an ACT score of 30 or above.

Scholarships are awarded to approximately 15 eligible applicants with the highest ACT score and grade point average. Scholars will be selected from the four divisions of the South Dakota federal district court: western, northern, central and southern. Scholars must attend an eligible institution of higher education on a full-time basis in the academic year following high school graduation, or they may postpone their education up to one year if approved by the South Dakota Department of Education.

- II. **APPLICATION DEADLINE:** This application deadline is **May 1, 2008.** Applications must be hand delivered by 5:00 PM CST or postmarked by the stated deadline.
- III. **SIZE OF AWARDS:** Scholarships of \$1,500, or a prorated amount thereof depending on funds available, shall be awarded. If funds are available, scholarships are renewable for the first four years of study at any institution eligible to participate in this program if the recipient continues to meet the eligibility criteria and maintains satisfactory progress, as determined by the institution of higher education.
- IV. **PAYMENT OF AWARDS:** Payment of the award shall be made to each scholar during the academic year in which he or she graduates from secondary school. Payment will be made by a warrant, payable to the scholar and the institution the scholar plans to attend. The warrant must be signed by the scholar and an official at the institution.

If the scholar's eligible institution of higher education changes before enrollment, the scholar must return the warrant to the South Dakota Department of Education with verification of admittance from the eligible institution of higher education the scholar now plans to attend. The warrant shall be reissued and sent to the eligible institution.

Within 30 days after the beginning of each semester or quarter, the scholar's financial aid officer must verify that the scholar is enrolled on a full-time basis at the institution.

- V. **SCHOLARSHIP REPAYMENT:** Scholars who do not pursue a course of study at an eligible institution of higher education in the two years following graduation must repay the scholarship to the South Dakota Department of Education by October 1 of that academic year.